

# **RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION   Est. 1939**

**October 2006 Newsletter**

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## **Changing Colors Greetings:**

No, I'm not the chameleon, but nature is, at this time of year, and isn't it glorious! Kinda' makes you want to reach for the old paint brush, hey? And you will certainly want to come to our next meeting, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm, Somerset County Library, when our guest demonstrator will be watercolorist Robert Heyer. Many of you are familiar with Bob's work in many juried shows. A consistent award-winner and Full Member of the New Jersey Water Color Society and the Garden State Watercolor Society, Bob is a great demonstrator and teacher. You are sure to have a great time and learn a lot! Our thanks to President Linda Arnold for getting Bob here! And thank you so much to our newly retired-from-Program Chairperson GAY BILLICH, who has done an excellent job for us in the past! Oh, yes, is anyone out there interested in becoming our new Program Chairperson? You meet lots of artists and we can provide you with artist names and numbers to phone. Please call Linda at 908/647-3610 if you are interested. **Rita Gorky** and **Judy Hummer** will be doing the refreshments for this meeting and RVAA thanks them heartily (and hungrily).

And do note the following: our own **Doug Axmann** will be doing an airbrush demo for us on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Wow!

**DUES ARE DUE**; do you know that? Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ 08876**. Dues are \$30. Individual, \$35. Family, and \$15. Student (through high school). Dues will get you all these demonstrations, two or three exhibits a year (including our Holiday Extravaganza at the Somerset County Library, which runs a month), the annual Big Apple Trip, the newsletters, and last, but not least, lots of camaraderie.

Open call for a Plein Air Paint Out! at the historic Boudinot-Southard-Ross property the weekend of October 14 & 15th. The 50+ acre site has two large open fields, three buildings including a large main house, a long treelined driveway, and some terrific vistas due to it's height. Additionally, there will be lots of activity with adults and children around the site. Painters are welcome to set up in a quiet or active place to paint and enjoy the fall

weekend. There is no charge for the event. Depending on the output from the weekend, the possibilities for exhibition are open so painters will be encouraged to register at the site. The Particulars: site is 135 North Maple Avenue in Basking Ridge, 07920. A little over 1 mile from Exit 30A of Route 287. Coming from the North, it is about a quarter mile past the light at North Maple Avenue and Madisonville Road. From Basking Ridge, it is about 3/4 mile out of town on North Maple. Property is on the East side of the street. (This site recently hosted 2006 Mansion in May.) Saturday October 14th 10am - 5pm, Sunday October 15th, 12- 5 pm. Admission is free. Other activities planned include: actors portraying historical characters, colonial crafts for children, historic exhibits, kite flying, the Flag Man of Bernards Township, Scavenger Hunts, limited access to the historic house, and some live music. The Boudinot-Southard-Ross Property is joining 23 other sites participating in the Somerset County History Weekend linking history, culture and arts around the County. This is a rare opportunity to get on the property as it had been privately held until 2005 when it was purchased by Somerset County. It is not open to the public.

**AND** The Third Annual Paint Out will be held this year at Princeton Academy on October 21, 2006. Princeton Academy, an independent Catholic school for boys holds the event for the community in support of local artists. "I envisioned the Paint Out as a way to bring painting alive for our students," said Sandra Tasca, event founder. The Paint Out offers "the fabulous experience observing the creation of a work of art can be." Students, parents, community members can watch it all and then purchase the completed painting in the evening. There are no fees for artists to participate. Artists can arrive as early as 6:00 am and painting concludes at 4:00 pm. Painters are treated to coffee, tea, and breakfast snacks; burgers, cookies, and a drink at lunch; and a wine and cheese closing reception beginning at 4:30. The reception, held in the Manor House, is also the venue for a silent auction of the paintings completed the day of the Paint Out. There is a People's Choice Award of \$100. plus other prizes donated by several local art supply vendors. Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart is located at 101 Drakes Corner Road in Princeton, NJ, at the intersection of The Great Road and Drakes Corner Road. If you are interested in participating this year, you may get in touch with Sandra Tasca email [Sandra@sandratasca.com](mailto:Sandra@sandratasca.com) You may also look on the school's website [www.princetonacademy.org](http://www.princetonacademy.org).

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**KIT BEBBINGTON** reports that "Our Warren Bicentennial Art Show on September 10 was a huge success. We borrowed 20 student pieces from each elementary school, the

middle school and Watchung Hills; 125 paintings in total; we borrowed snowfencing from the county and hung them. Thank God it turned out to be a beautiful day! We had an adult art show inside the court room, too. Lots of fun, but tiring, too.”

**ALKA DALAL** had a show at NECA during the months of June and July and would like to thank RVAA for providing the information and the contact. It was very well received by the employees. Alka had about 14 paintings in watercolor, oil, monoprint collage, with subjects ranging from landscape and florals to abstract. Alka also completed a large commissioned watercolor for a Pittsford, NY resident recently.

**ELSA HERRMANN** was awarded First Place in Professional Watercolors in the Ocean County Senior Citizen Exhibit, and an Honorable Mention in the State Division of the Senior Show. Elsa was also the recipient of the AAPL Award in the Ocean County Artists’ Guild Juried Exhibit.

Your editor was wandering western Pennsylvania and then upstate New York for over a week (20 rolls of film) and so missed the entire juried Tewksbury juried show, entry and all—so you will have to email ([diana@dianapatton.com](mailto:diana@dianapatton.com)) me or write me to let me know the results. I have heard that several members were in it—Joan McKinney , Mary Creasy, and Gay Billich won awards (details unknown) and also Linda Arnold, Doris Bateman, Bill Gilbert, Rita Gorky, Angela Fehrenbach, and Collette Lemay were in it. Ah! Rumor and hearsay, you gotta love it. But do send me details for the November Newsletter.